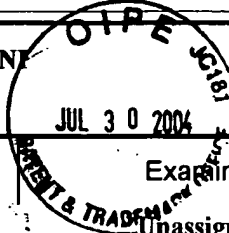


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The references listed above were cited in an Official Action dated May 20, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above references, together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding all of the references from the Official Action. Please note that Reference No. 2, which was cited in the Office Action, namely, Japanese Laid-Open Application No.2000-259832 was previously submitted in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated December 5, 2001. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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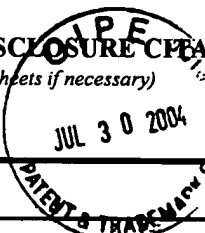
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